

And Would Like to See Him and His Boys Investigated.

AN OUTBURST AGAINST PLATT.

ON TWO occasions, and only two, the Tammany leader showed unmistakable and genuine feeling. Once his eyes filled with tears. It is probably the only time, in many years at least, that anybody has seen Richard Croker weep. He told Mr. Moss he had been asking him some questions about his interest in the bridges over the East River and endeavoring to connect that interest with the desire of the witness to have his son make a business connection with the famous Crocker Company, which is largely engaged in the manufacture of certain bridge machinery. The witness was asked whether he had given to Croker any of his interest. He had given to Croker about his interest for \$17,000 to pay for his stock in the Crocker Construction Company, or whether he had given the boy \$17,000 cash. The witness declined to answer the question. He was then asked if he had given his son R. S. Croker any money for the stock which he had received in the same company. Mr. Croker declined to answer that question. Then Mr. Moss said:

"Mr. Croker, your son has made statements here that are not clear to us. They are very important, in fact, that your son's veracity is in question. I thought you might clear up this matter."

A storm of so many political battles had been fought by Mr. Moss for a moment, and though he made a valiant effort to overcome some of the difficulties he said:

"I am not at all complacent in those boys, and I think this committee are trying to destroy the reputation and prevent them from going to business in this city. You are welcome to ask me what you can get out of such tactics. I don't make any mistake but that I think you might be busy while you are trying to ruin me."

The witness settled back in his chair and looked his jaws squarely together in an effort to stand himself. The effort was successful, and that tears filled his eyes, in spite of the effort which he gave to his jaws.

After a cessation of feeling shown by Croker, the witness Mr. Moss said him that he was not concerned for a moment, but that he was in the witness stand, Mr. Croker replied that Mr. Moss was the man who was making the speeches. This Mr. Moss denied, but that this time was taking too much of the committee's time with irrelevant remarks. Mr. Croker started to reply to this when he was interrupted by the witness, who spoke rather sharply. The action of the Chamberlain surprised Mr. Croker for a moment, and he looked exceedingly troubled. Finally he emerged.

"This talk is very well, but why don't you go and examine the man that created you and the man who made and sustains the office of the Board of Aldermen. I am not a member in that office than in any office in this town. They are retained by nearly every corporation in this town. Go and attend to them. Go and investigate the man you go

The Testimony.

A—As soon as the committee was ready for business, Mr. Moss called Richard J. Foster.

Q—Are you engaged in the ice business?

A—Yes.

Q—How long have you been so engaged?

A—I have been engaged in the ice business since 1890.

Q—Where is your depot?

A—At the foot of Morton street.

Q—How many carts have you?

A—Fifty independent carts and some others.

Q—Where do you get most of your ice from?

A—In the city.

Q—In your business it is necessary to have an ice bridge and docking facilities, is it not?

A—Have you ever had docking facilities, and, if so, how much have you paid for them?

A—I had a small pier, but I had a bulkhead, ninety-four feet wide between piers, for which I paid \$10,000.

Q—Did you never have a pier?

A—I misapplied myself here. What I should have said was that I had a pier, some years ago, for which I paid \$2,000 a year.

Q—Were you ever approached by anybody connected with the Dock Department?

A—Yes, Mr. Charles W. Morse, the President of the company came to see me once.

Q—What did he say to you?

A—He said he would like to have me come into the company; that the company would buy me out and give me \$100,000.

Q—What offer did he make to you?

A—\$15,000 for my business, to be paid part in cash and part in stock.

Q—Did you not accept?

A—No, I did not accept.

Q—Did you ever have any trouble with the Dock Board, and had some last winter?

A—I was notified by the Dock Department to remove my ice bridge, to give greater facilities for the boats.

Q—What was the date that was early in December?

A—Did you remove the bridge?

A—Part of it.

Q—After doing that, what did you do?

A—I went to the Dock Board, and the President of the Dock Board, and told him that if the bridge was removed it would greatly embarrass me.

Q—Did he say anything to you?

A—He said if he wouldn't make it as easy for me as he could.

Q—And what did he answer?

A—He said it was not the desire of the department to embarrass anybody or to make it impossible for anyone to do business. He said he would see what he could for me.

Q—Was the other half of the bridge ever removed?

A—No, it was not. About three weeks after one of the engineers of the Dock Department informed me that they would have a meeting to discuss the matter, and to make ready for the snow when it came—that was in the latter part of January.

Q—Did you ever go to the meeting on the bulkhead during December or January?

A—No.

Q—Did you ever go to the meeting on the bulkhead in February?

A—Yes.

Q—Was the mission of the Dock Department, by Dr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Foster, did the Dock Department ever treat you discourteously?

A—No, they did not.

Q—Did you ever have a talk with anybody but Mr. Cram, and he was always most courteous?

A—Yes, I had a conversation on that bulkhead last winter?

A—A great deal.

Q—And we had no snow last winter then?

A—We had no snow.

Q—Did you ever have any offer made to you by the Dock Department or the Consolidated Ice Company?

A—There was not, and, further than that, the offer which he made me was made three years ago.

CROKER'S PARTNER CALLED.

The witness was excused, and Mr. Moss called the names of Mr. Fryer, Mr. O'Sullivan, and

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